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SUBJECT: Recreation Passport Fee Calculation

Calendar Year 2020 Recreation Passport Fee Inflation Adjustments

MCL 257.805, as amended by Public Act 82 of 2013, governs the manner in which Recreational Passport fees are calculated. The Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint MI – all items – all urban consumers consumer price index (Detroit CPI-U) is used for these calculations. MCL 257.805, Section 7 specifies:

> For each calendar year, the state treasurer shall adjust the amounts set forth in subsection (1) [base rates] by an amount determined by the state treasurer to reflect the cumulative percentage change in the consumer price index from October 1, 2010 to the October 1 immediately preceding that calendar year, using the most recent data available and rounded to the nearest dollar.

Thus, the inflation adjustment for a given calendar year equals the Detroit CPI-U value for the October directly prior to the calendar year divided by the Detroit CPI-U value for October 2010 minus one.

The Detroit CPI-U value for October 2010 is 205.824 and the Detroit CPI-U for October 2019 is 238.838. Thus, for calendar year 2020, the inflation adjustment percentage equals 16.0 percent. Adjusting each of the base fee amounts (\$5 for motorcycles and \$10 for other vehicles) by the adjustment percentage and rounding to the nearest dollar stipulates that, for calendar year 2020, the recreation passport fees should be

- \$6 for motorcycles
- \$12 for all other vehicles.

The CY 2020 motorcycles rate is unchanged from its CY 2019 level. However, the other vehicles rate increased \$1 from its CY 2019 level. Please call Eric Bussis (335-7438) or me (241-2624) if you have any questions.

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